Kuzhithura Madichal Road.

59. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Kuzhithura Madichal road is closed :

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, when and why it was closed ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representations for immediate action ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken and why so much delay ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since 5/1943, as the auction purchaser, of the land once surrendered but not required for the road according to present alignment, has occupied it.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A recast estimate for cutting the road has been prepared and the acquisition of the fresh lands has been moved for. The delay has been occasioned by the faulty alignment of the road originally cut by the ryots.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : May I know from the honourable member why new land acquisition proceedings were taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : Apparently when the road was taken up by Government, the rates were too high. They therefore wanted to substitute cheaper lands. The Government decided to sell away the lands in the old line and acquire land in the new line. The original lands have been sold away and the acquisition proceedings in regard to the new site are in progress.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : May I know when the land acquisition proceedings were taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : I have no information.

MR. V. SRIDHARAN PILLAI : May I know when the road will be opened again?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : It will certainly be opened.

MR. V. SRIDHARAN PILLAI : May I know when?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : As soon as possible.

MR. V. SRIDHARAN PILLAI : May I have the approximate date?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : I cannot give that information because I have not the estimate with me now.

Opening of a road from 50/5 M. S. Road to Chanthayadi Road.

60 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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